

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, the Examiner objects to the specification because it does not contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence of the specification.

Applicants submit that it is necessary to include a specific reference to the prior application in the first sentence of the specification only if that application is being incorporated by reference. Applicants have not incorporated by reference Applicants' foreign priority application, therefore, amendment of the specification is not necessary. Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 520.40984X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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